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THREE VESSELS AT BOSTON.

Sch. Metamora Got Good Price by Laying Over.

A few vessels got into T wharf yesterday before the snow shut out everything seaward from view, but after the storm began in earnest nothing made port, consequently the fish supply this morning is short. As it is the last of the week, however, the dealers do not mind it much, but they are now apprehensive about the Monday supply.

Of course it is no fish day today and tomorrow it is liable to blow, which would mean that the shore boats would not be on hand with their usual live fares and the market may have to depend on the trips which the off-shore vessels may bring in from the eastward and southwest part of Georges.

Three crafts arrived at the wharf yesterday after the bell rang and one of them, sch. Metamora, held over until this morning. She had a fair trip and got good prices.

In addition to the fish receipts from the vessels yesterday, a large and varied lot was received on the steamers from Maine and a considerable quantity came up by train from Cape Cod and Cape Ann. Much of it was consigned to dealers, but there were put on sale at the exchange three boxes of haddock, five boxes and two barrels of cod, 16 boxes of pollock and two boxes of mixed fish.

For the week ending Thursday night, there were landed at T wharf 93 trips of fresh fish, aggregating 1,531,400 pounds, against 70 fares, aggregating 1,552,100 pounds for the corresponding week in 1909.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Metamora, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 2500 pollock, 300 halibut.

Sch. Vanessa, 55,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Steamer Quoddy.

Haddock, \$3.50 per cwt.; cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; hake, \$6.25.

Bank Fishing Unprofitable.

"Some few people yet cling to the idea that a general return to bank fishing in schooners would be a nicely paying investment for owners and a source of increased earning for crews. Once in a while some writer laments that the old time vessels have vanished, and the red stores are mostly vacant. He closes his eyes to the far-stretching flotilla of power boats, manned by the owners and making more money in a month than their fathers got from salt fares in a whole season. We might as well try to bring back the mastodon.

"Any change displacing old methods that paid the few and impoverished the many is regarded with suspicion by the back numbers. When the lap-streak skiff was superseded by the smart cutter-rigged boat, the kenches of cod by the crates of lobsters, the salt fish freighters, with a sad countenance, foretold the desolation of our shores, which yet show signs of thriving.

"In certain places, and under favorable circumstances, bank fishing still forms a fairly profitable pursuit. These are exceptional cases, and we need not point out the reasons that enable it to hold on. As a rule, it is not the sea harvest that keeps the firms flush, but the selling of supplies, with the unsatisfactory system of marking and the deferred settlement with the crews, who always round out summer voyages by lobstering in the winter time.

"The truth of the foregoing is self-evident. The books of the old firms in the very best days show that the high line never cleared more than \$200 for a whole summer's work. That sum supported the family for a year. How far would it go today when the cost of living has more than doubled and the price of fish seldom reaches the figure it did when we had a free market in the States?"—Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast Guard.

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May Purchase Sch. Mary A. Whalen. The Boston Post says that Capt. Solomon Jacobs, is negotiating with Capt. Sylvester Whalen for the purchase of the fishing schooner Mary A. Whalen, which has been tied up at Boston for several weeks.

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Salt Herring Cargoes.

Sch. Hiram Lowell arrived at Bucksport, Maine, Wednesday from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a fare of salt herring.

The Lunenburg, N. S., sch. Ellen L. Maxner arrived at Boston yesterday from Bay of Islands with a cargo of salt herring.

French Fishermen May Strike.

Four thousand members of the crews of 140 schooners of St. Malo, France, which fish annually on the Newfoundland banks, are at loggerheads with the masters and are preparing to strike. The situation is an ugly one.

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Only Three Handliners Out.

The arrival of five of the deck handline codfishing fleet today, leaves but three of this fleet out at present, schs. Senator Saulsbury, Arthur D. Stotry and Etta Mildred, the two latter getting away yesterday. Seldom, if ever, has there been a time when the "two hookers" in commission on the fishing grounds numbered so few as at present.

Lost None of Deck Load.

The British sch. Havanna from Liverpool, N. S., with a hold full and big deckload of lumber, bound for Newburyport, put in here yesterday. The captain reported having the recent gale, but that it was not very heavy and the deck load was not started or none of it lost.

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FOUR HERRING CARGOES AT THIS PORT TODAY.

Each of the Vessels Has Salt, Frozen and Pickled Stock.

All Made Fine Passages Despite the Bad Weather.

The local vessel owners have not heard from their crafts at Bay of Islands for almost a week, and so are in the dark as to how they are progressing with their loading. There are rumors that the herring have played out in North Arm, but this is not confirmed.

Four of the fleet, schs. Tattler, George Parker, Gossip and Corsair arrived home yesterday after quick, but stormy passages.

All of these crafts have made fine passages despite the bad weather. They came out a week ago today, had an easterly brush in the gulf of St. Lawrence and then, with a favoring wind, came along rapidly until they hit up against the recent heavy gale, all taking it to the westward of Seal Island, in the Bay of Fundy. With them, the heft of the gale came Saturday. They ran about all Friday night, coming down from

four lowers to foresail and early Saturday morning, hove to until Saturday afternoon, coming along when the wind went down, although the sea was unusually high. They report no damage.

Sch. Tattler has the biggest cargo of the season, 2100 barrels in all of salt, pickled and frozen stock. Sch. George Parker also has a big cargo, 2000 barrels, all salt and pickled herring. Sch. Corsair brings all salt and pickled herring, while, in addition to her bulk salt herring load, sch. Gossip has 350 barrels of pickled herring and her cabin full of frozen herring.

Schs. Tattler and Gossip bring the first natural frost herring of the season from Newfoundland.

Schs. Tattler and Gossip came in Sunday morning and the George Parker and Corsair came in during last night, so all have made fast passages, and would have done even better had it not been for the gale, and the snow which came with it, preventing them from making on the land.

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Fishing Facts and Fancies.

Temperance is the rule of modern fishing vessels. The fishermen insist on it. A drunken fisherman on a vessel might do much harm, even destroy the vessel and crew through drunken carelessness. Tea is a favorite beverage of men of the sea.

A North sea trawler caught a mackerel 24 inches in length weighing 4 1-2 pounds.

Both the eel and the catfish are generally supposed to be scaleless, which is far from the truth, as both bear scales, although these are so minute that they can be seen only with a microscope. In the case of the eel scientists are enabled to tell its age by the size of the scales with which it is covered.

Whales are not fish in the scientific sense, but it is interesting to note that these monsters swim at a rate of sixteen miles an hour when excited, although their ordinary speed is estimated at between four and five miles.

A Swedish investigation shows that most five-year-old eels collect at the mouth of rivers entering the Gotland and Botten lakes, remaining five to seven years, after which they seek the Atlantic to spawn, going via the Kattegat, Skagerack and North Sea.

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Herring Cargo Discharged.

Sch. Annie M. Parker has completed the discharge of her cargo of frozen herring at Boston and will probably tow down today.

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Now Winter Haddocking.

Capt. George Tufts has returned from a brief visit to friends and relatives at Newfoundland and has again fitted out sch. James W. Parker for winter haddocking.

Capt. William H. Goodwin is fitting sch. Thomas A. Cromwell for winter haddocking.

Shipping Halibut to Boston.

A telegram to the Times states that sch. Massachusetts arrived at Halifax, N. S., Sunday and this morning is shipping 15,000 pounds of halibut to Boston. Capt. Carroll wires that they have had very bad weather and only had two sets since leaving here. All hands are well.

Portland Fish Notes.

Though there were few fishing vessels arriving Friday, the fares they brought were large. Those reported were the Marjorie Turner with 5000, Edmund Black with 9000, Albert D. Willard with 8000, Albert W. Black with 12,000, Eva and Mildred with 7000.

Eastern Fishing Company Officers.

At the annual meeting of the Eastern Fishing Company at Boston, Saturday, the following officers were elected:

President—John G. Crowley.

Clerk—Joseph E. Fellows.

Treasurer and manager—Arthur E. Rowe.

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ELEVEN FARES AT THIS PORT.

Largest Receipts of Any Day
of the New Year.

This is the biggest fish morning Gloucester has had the pleasure of welcoming since the New Year came in, for the morning light brought to view no less than 11 crafts, all with trips of some kind. In the lot were four from Bay of Islands, N. F., with salt and frozen herring, one haddock-er with a big fare, one pollock-er and five of the eastern deck hand-line codfishing fleet with average catches for this rough season of the year.

All the vessels encountered the recent heavy gale to the westward of Seal island, about all of them had to heave two in the worst of it, but none report any damage resulting, although they say that it did blow heavy indeed.

The big knockabout sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. James D. Goodwin, used the gale to make a flying passage between Cape Sable and this port. She was bound home from off Liscomb with a big fresh fish fare, 80,000 lbs. of haddock and cod on board. She struck the gale off the Cape, but kept coming all the time and when she made fast late Saturday afternoon at the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company's wharf, she had made the run from Cape Sable, 220 miles, in 16 hours.

Schs. Hattie L. Trask, Patriot, Marsala, Fish Hawk and Atalanta, all eastern deck handliners, have from 22,000 to 35,000 pounds each of salt cod, with a few halibut on the side. They are all from LaHave bank, getting under way for home Friday and having the worst of the gale Saturday, all heaving to in the worst of it. Sch. Fish Hawk had her mainsail badly torn and main gaff broken.

The arrivals of herring from Bay of Islands, N. F., include the schs. Tattler, Gossip, George Parker and Corsair, the story of their homeward passage being told in another column.

The little sch. Actor has 2500 pounds of pollock from the shore grounds.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Liscomb ground, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Tattler, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1350 bbls. salt herring, 150 bbls. pickled herring, 600 bbls. frozen herring.

Sch. Gossip, Bay of Islands, N. F., 750 bbls. salt herring, 350 bbls. pickled herring, 60 bbls. frozen herring.

Sch. Corsair, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1260 bbls. salt herring, 107 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. George Parker, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1750 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Atalanta, eastern deck handlining, 25,000 lbs. salt cod, 1000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Fish Hawk, eastern deck handlining, 30,000 lbs. salt cod, 500 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Marsala, eastern deck handlining, 35,000 lbs. salt cod, 500 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, eastern deck handlining, 22,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Patriot, eastern deck handlining, 24,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Actor, shore, 2500 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, shore.

Sch. Manomet, via Boston.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore.

Sch. Seaconnet, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Tartar, Noank, Conn.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.

Sch. Ralph Russell, pollocking.

Sch. Etta Mildred, deck handlining.

Sch. Rose Standish, shore.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shore.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, shore.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, shore.

Sch. Leo, shore.

Sch. Hartwise, shore.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Agnes, halibuting.

Sch. Morning Star, haddocking.

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Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 13c per lb. for white, and 11c for gray.

Board of trade prices:

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.

Dory handline salt cod, large \$3.25; medium, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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Flounder Fleet Haul Up.

Most of the flounder fleet of dredgers that have made Hyannis their headquarters during the season have now quit and will lay up till March. Sloops Vesta, Dart and Angelina, remain. Fish are not plenty, but prices are high.

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Herring Cargo Sold.

The cargo of salt herring of sch. Hazel R. Hines has been sold to the local smokers, to be divided.

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BIG FISH DAY AT BOSTON ALSO.

T Wharf Dealers Received
650,000 Lbs. This Morning.

The off-shore vessels hold the center of the stage at T wharf today, the easterly bringing along quite a bunch of them, as was expected. No less than 10 of the big vessels are in, all with good trips, and six of the market boat fleet showed up, also with nice fares, so that the dealers have 650,000 pounds of fish to handle, the biggest day at the wharf for a long time. Despite the amount of fish in, the market is good.

Most of the off-shore crafts are from the southwest part of Georges and have not been out long. A few are from the eastward. All of them got the full benefit of the recent big gale and the captains report that the blow was a stiff one and accompanied by bad sea. Sch. Regina made in, in the vicinity of Boon island and had to haul off shore, being too close to the land for comfort. Sch. Lillian, while coming across the Bay of Fundy, from the eastward, Saturday, was struck by a very heavy sea, which washed over her deck smashing the gurry kid and two dories to bits and sweeping them off to leeward. The other craft reported no damage, but all the skippers agreed that for a time it blowed about as hard as ever they saw it.

The off-shore crafts have from 45,000 to 85,000 pounds, sch. Lucania being high with the latter amount. Sch. Richard had 75,000 pounds and sch. Thomas S. Gorton and Natalie J. Nelson 70,000 pounds each.

Of the shore boats schs. Elizabeth W. Nunan and Olive F. Hutchins are high with 19,000 pounds each and sch. Athena was close up with 18,000.

Off shore haddock brought from \$2.25 to \$2.40 and shore haddock \$3. Large cod went from \$3 to \$4, with hake from \$2.50 to \$4 and pollock \$2 and \$2.50.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Conqueror, 50,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Lucania, 75,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 40,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Regina, 35,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Lillian, 48,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

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Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 62,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 58,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Metacommet, 7000 cod.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Mildred Robinson, 50,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Manhasset, 30,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 2000 halibut.
Sch. Priscilla, 1000 haddock, 2000 cod, 600 pollock.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 11,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1200 hake.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 17,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Richard, 60,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Athena, 12,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 pollock.
Off shore haddock \$2.25 to \$2.40 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$3; large cod, \$3 to \$4; market cod, \$2.25 to \$3; hake, \$2.50 to \$4; cusk, \$2.50; pollock, \$2 to \$2.50.

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HERRING FLEET ALL HAVE CARGOES.

All Vessels From
Bay of Islands Are
Now On Their
Way Home.

One more of the Newfoundland herring fleet is home this morning, sch. S. P. Willard arriving after a stormy passage with a cargo of salt herring and a cabin load of frozen. Several more of the fleet are expected in a few days, and it is not too much to say that about all the fleet left at the Bay of Islands have secured frozen cargoes and are ready to start for home.

Of course there will be some stragglers, as a whole, the fleet has finished its season at Bay of Islands and there now remains the passage home and the successful marketing of the product.

It is known that early last week the herring left the North Arm and that the cutter Fiona got busy and towed many of the vessels over into the Middle Arm, where herring of the largest kind had struck in plentifully.

This of course meant that with any chance for the boats to fish, loads would quickly be forthcoming. Recent dispatches indicate that many of the vessels took advantage of this spurt and are now on the way with full frozen cargoes.

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New York's Salt Fish Trade.

Some improvement in the salt fish trade was noted during the week, says the Fishing Gazette, particularly in imported mackerel. There is believed to be a good many Norway fish yet to be shipped.

Norway herring, which have been dull for some time, are in better request. The demand for Holland keeps up well. Scotch are selling rather slowly, and Irish are neglected. The quality of the latter is not so fine as it was last season.

Newfoundland herring are coming in slowly. No. 1 large split are quoted at \$6 a barrel, and the medium at \$5.50.

Yarmouth (England) herring appear to be out of importers' hands.

There is a fair demand for codfish at former firm quotations.

The export trade continues very good.

Better reports are heard from Porto Rico, where the supplies are small. In general, the foreign markets show improvement.

Holmwood & Holmwood, of London, advise The Gazette that they look for a good demand in Spain and Italy, now that the holiday season is over.

Patrick Fitzgerald, of Cleggin, Ireland, a handler of mackerel, writes that at present there is very little of this fish on hand, and that the curing season has practically closed. Further catches, if any, will go to the fresh markets, where prices are ruling high.